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Commission
Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street, Suite 900
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RE: Docket No. 2017-292-WS

I am writing to express my concerns over raising the sewer rates AGAIN. I have lived at my residence since 1971 and we were paying \$15.00 a QUARTER for sewer for several years. Since then it seems like every time we get an inkling of a small raise Utilities Inc. takes the opportunity to raise their rates. It seems like now we are going to be paying almost \$70.00 a MONTH for sewer. With people on fixed incomes and having to pay so much for medicines then to have the gall to raise the sewer rates this much is ridiculous. I don't understand why every year the rates has to go up. Also, the water rates are going up again also even though it is not as much as the sewer rates.

I don't know what all this money is going for but I bet some bodies pockets is getting heavier and heavier.

Please reevaluate and not go up on our rates so much or SO OFTEN.

I am sending a copy of this letter to our governor and to WIS-TV so they can investigate just who is getting richer and richer.

Thank you


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CC: Governor Henry McMaster
WIS-TV Investigative Team

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